

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

Plaintiff(s),

Case No.:

v.

Division: D

Defendant(s).

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**UNIFORM ORDER SETTING RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
FOR TRIAL AND PRE-TRIAL
(NON-JURY TRIAL)**

THIS CAUSE being at issue and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. That the above entitled cause is hereby set for **NON-JURY TRIAL** on _____, 20__ at _____.

2. That a **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE** shall be held in Chambers before the **HONORABLE MICHELLE SISCO**, Circuit Judge, George Edgecomb Courthouse, 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 524, Tampa, FL 33602, on _____ at _____, pursuant to Rule 1.200, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

3. At least **40 days** before the Pre-Trial Conference, counsel for the Plaintiff shall furnish to counsel for the Defendant and file directly with the Clerk, a list of the names and addresses of all witnesses who are expected to testify at the trial of this cause, including experts. At least **30 days** before the Pre-Trial Conference, counsel for the Defendant shall furnish to counsel for Plaintiff, and file directly with the Clerk, a list of names and addresses of all witnesses that are expected to testify at the trial of this cause, including experts and rebuttal witnesses. Each party's witness list shall specifically designate all expert witnesses and with respect to each expert witness each party shall disclose the expert's area of

expertise, and serve a copy of each expert's reports or answers to expert interrogatories. In the absence of answers to expert interrogatories or an expert report, a party shall provide a summary of the testimony the expert is expected to provide.

4. All motions shall be filed prior to the Pre-Trial Conference. All motions, except motions in limine, not heard by the Pre-Trial Conference shall be deemed abandoned.

5. Counsel shall complete all discovery at least **5 days** prior to the trial date. Discovery conducted after this time period shall only be permitted on the order of the Court for good cause shown.

6. The case shall be mediated or arbitrated prior to the Pre-Trial Conference, unless homeowner-defendants have been defaulted **or** if mediation has already occurred or been ordered.

7. Counsel shall be prepared to negotiate settlement at the Pre-Trial Conference and have full authority to settle the case or have available at the conference a party or representative who does have full authority to settle.

8. That in order for the full purpose of the Pre-Trial procedures to be accomplished, each party shall be available for attendance by telephone for all meetings and hearings herein described by an attorney and party or agent who will participate in the trial of the cause and a person who is vested with full authority to make admissions and disclosures of fact and to bind his or her clients by agreements in respect to all matters pertaining to the trial of the cause and the Pre-Trial Conference.

9. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Order shall subject counsel and the parties to such sanctions as the Court shall determine just and proper under the circumstances.

10. The parties shall do all things reasonable and necessary to assure the availability of their witnesses for the entire trial period or to otherwise preserve their testimony for trial as provided by the Florida Rules Civil Procedure.

11. Counsel shall immediately notify this Court in the event of settlement and submit a stipulation for an Order of Dismissal and a Final Disposition form. Counsel shall likewise notify the Court in the event the parties wish to avail themselves of the "Voluntary Trial Resolution" provisions of Chapter 44, Florida Statutes.

12. No later than 7 days prior to the Pre-Trial Conference the attorneys for all parties shall notify the Court's Business Center (CBC) (813 272-5520) as to any audio-visual equipment or other multi-media technology they intend to reserve for use at trial, as indicated in paragraph 22 of the UNIFORM PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE ORDER.

13. No later than 7 days prior to the Pre-Trial Conference the attorneys for all parties shall, if desired, secure the services of a court reporter for trial.

14. All provisions of this Order that require compliance by counsel are likewise applicable to any party appearing pro se.

15. Parties may schedule Summary Judgment Motions at the same time as the Pre-Trial Conference, as long as the Motion is noticed in accordance, and otherwise complies, with Florida R. Civ P. 1.510.

DONE AND ORDERED in Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida this ____ day
of _____, 20____.

HONORABLE MICHELLE SISCO
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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